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Letters to The Editor

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Editor
Times Virginian
Appomattox, Virginia 24522

Dear Mr. Vaughan,

You and your paper are to be commended for your accomplishments in helping to establish the Ombudsman or Referrral Center in Appomattox for the benefit of the citizens of this county.

The establishment of this center can be of untold value to the citizens of Appomattox County, if they take advantage of the opportunity to contact this office on any question of any nature: business, personal, social, or otherwise. For your benefit, contact this center which is located behind the old Revco Drug Store.

I would suggest that the more publicity given to this activity, the more benefit it will be to the public.

Sincerely,
G. P. Brannan
R.F.D. 1, Box 620
Appomattox, Virginia
24522

80th Birthday

A surprise birthday dinner honoring Mrs. Lillian Hudson on her 80th birthday was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hudson on Sunday. Dinner guest were Landon Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Ramsey and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Brant and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lee, all of Newport News, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hudson and son, of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Sam White, Mr. Irvin Hudson and daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry udson and sons, all of Lynchburg, Mr. Henry Riley, Mr. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hudson and daughter, Mr. Bill Hudson and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hudson and sons, all of Appomattox, Miss Mary Gregory, Mrs. Lona Gilbert, Mr. Marvin Gilbert, of Amherst, Mrs. Mildred Day of Buena Vista and Mrs. Dorothy Andrews, of Fredericksburg. Others visiting in the afternoon were Pauline Oxford, Birdie, Ed, Billy and Lathan Harvey, Millard Harvey, Jay and Robert Chenault.

A wonderful day was enjoyed by all.

Completes Basic Course

BILOXI, Miss.--Airman First Class John A. Smith III, son of Mr. & Mrs. John A. Smith Jr. of Rt 4, Appomattox, Va., has graduated at Keesler AFB, Miss., from the Air Training Command's basic course for electronics specialists.

The airman, who received instruction in communications and electronics systems principles, is remaining at Keesler for advanced training.

Airman Smith graduated in 1973 from Appomattox High School.

Simplify Shopping and Saving....with WANT ADS

The Pastor Speaks

"GIVING SHOULD FOLLOW A CHRIST-HONORED PLAN"

Christian giving should be guided by a plan. Without a plan, it is difficult to be fair with God and, even more, it is hard to develop spiritual maturity. Without a plan, one tends to become careless and hap-hazard. Some people give to church as though they are tipping God. He may even become like the woman who complained, "Why I can go to the theater cheaper than I can go to that church."

The giving plan that God has blessed throughout the years is the tithe. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ve say, wherein have we robbed thee? tithes and offerings. . . . Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . (Malachi 3: 8-10) The tithe is one-tenth of one gross income. This is basic. In the old testament this plan was the law for giving. In the New Testament it fills a more exciting place for the giver - it is the guide to love giving. The tithe is honorable because it puts God's portion first.

The apostle Paul called on the Christians at Corinth to lay aside each week a portion of their money as God prospered them. Here is a plan for all of us to follow. If you feel that you are giving God the left-overs or scraps from your income. You should rethink your appreciation or love you have for Him.

The following suggestions will assist a Christian in following a Christ-honoring plan for giving.

- Adopt the tithe (10 percent of one's gross income) as basic
- Match this with a spending plan that will make tithing possible
- Outline a plan for increasing the gift beyond the tithe.

John D. Rockefeller set out to gain a fortune. However, in accumulating a fortune he lost his health, and it seemed that his life would be shortened.. At this critical point he began giving away his fortune. In giving he found a way to live and enjoy life. He regained the health he had lost and lined a long full life.

A worthy giving plan will bring joy to the Christian - whether he is wealthy or poor. During a church budget campaign, a poor widow was told by another person not to give but to keep the money for her own needs. She answered: "Leave me alone. You are trying to take away the greatest pleasure of my life."

Rev. D. B. Holliday
New Hope Baptist Church
Appomattox, Virginia 24522

The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, May 5, 1974.
Topic: Varied Responses to the Gospel
Scripture: Acts 17

They received the word with all eagerness, examining the scriptures daily to see if these things were so. Acts 17:11

In the parable of the sower, Jesus cautioned His disciples not to expect 100-per-cent acceptance of their proclamation of the gospel or their ministry. Using the sower to represent the preacher and seed the gospel, Jesus told His disciples that some of the seed would fall along the hard path where birds (enemies of the gospel) would eat it; some on rocky ground where the soil was not deep enough for the seed to take root as it sprouted; some among thorns, which would choke out the grain; and some on good ground, where it would sprout, grow and yield a varied harvest.

The reaction to Paul's preaching and ministry strikingly confirms this practical instruction from Jesus. Wherever he preached, he provoked opposition, often violent, but he also gained dedicated converts to the Christian faith. Indifference was also a reaction, the most striking examples recorded in The Act being those of Gallio, the Roman governor of Achaia (southern Greece), whose office was in Corinth, and the Athenian intellecturals.

Paul began his European ministry at Philippi, a town in Macedonia which had received its greatest impetus to growth about three-quarters of a century before from the settlement there of emigrants from Rome. Both Julius and Augustus Caesar undertook to solve the problem of the large unemployed populace in the city of Rome by relocating the unemployed and retired soldiers in new situations. In doing this, they founded several colonies, of which Philippi, established by Augustus as a colony was one. Its status as a colony probably explains why so few Jews were living in Philippi when Paul came.

Here Paul encountered terrific antagonism after he exorcised a demon from a slave girl, whose owners exploited her powers of divination and made a good income by charging people who came to her to have their fortunes told and to ask her advice about the future. Paul's experience in this case is a classic illustration of the opposition the gospel arouses when its ministry comes into conflict with economic interests.

The missionary company left Philippi, where they experience Gentile persecution, for Thessalonica (the present Saloniki of World War I and II fame). There they experienced persecution fomented by the Jews, with Jason, Paul's host, and some other new believers the targets. Paul and Silas then went southward to Beroea, where they had a better reception. The Jews there heard them politely, but did not "take their word for it." The Beroean Jews studied the Scriptures to see if what Paul was preaching was true. Thus, they applied, before Paul wrote it to the Thessalonians, the injunction, which is good advice always: *"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."*

In Beroea as in Thessalonica, Greeks as well as Jews believed, and in each place Greek women of the upper class were among the converts. Thus in both cities mixed Jewish and Gentile churches were established.

After Paul's enemies came from Thessalonica to Beroea to stir up trouble, Paul went to Athens, the intellectual and educational center of the world of the day. In the Athenian fashion, he entered into dialogue, with Jews in the synagogue there, with Greek intellectuals in the market place, until he was invited to present his philosophy in the open-air auditorium or court on the hill called Areopagus. (Areopagus also designed a council, made up of leading citizens, of whom the convert Dionysius was one.)

Here Paul preached a brilliant sermon, which reflects his knowledge of Greek literature and philosophy as well as of the Old Testament and its revelation of God. Some have criticized Paul for his "concessions" to Greek philosophy in this sermon, but the missionary did not compromise. He used his acquaintance with Greek learning to establish a common ground with his audience, good practice for every speaker. Here he made converts, though probably not so many as in other places. Significantly the opposition he aroused was expressed in indifference and intellectual rejection instead of physical violence and threat of harm. Paul's approach here is an example of that needed today with people who [...] sincere intellectual questi[...] the Christian faith. The [...] ience constitutes solid [...] tural backing for the com[...] a well educated Chri[...] ministry.

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[SP]ORTS

by Billy Thompson

[Pe]psi Nips [La]wson Ford, [...]

[Pepsi] Cola nipped Lawson [Ford ...]8 last Monday night in [the] "A" league of softball [in Lyn]chburg as it was the [...] for both teams.

[Law]son Ford started with a [...] they got off to a 6-0 lead [in the] first inning. Pepsi came [...] the third inning with [...] runs and one in the fourth [to ti]e it at 6-6. Both teams [scored] two in the fifth to make [...] and Pepsi came up with [the w]inning run in the sixth as [a ...]inning run resulted in a [...] scored on an error.

[...] Harris, Donnie Clements and Johnny Cash led [Lawson] Ford with two hits [...] Clements had a home run [...] in four runs for the [...] Arnold Johannes also [...] for Lawson Ford.

[...]rd 600 020 0 - 8 10 3
[Pepsi] Cola 005 121 x - 9 11 1

[La]wson Ford [Be]ats Metro [Met]als, 11-5

[La]wson Ford went on an 18 [hit a]ttack and beat Metro [Metals] 11-5 last Wednesday [in t]he class "A" league of [...] Lynchburg. The win [gave La]wson Ford a 1-1 record [and Metr]o Metals fell to 1-1.

[...] Tweedy, Pete Lampman, [Do]nnie Clements and Les [...] led the Lawson Ford [attack] with three hits each. [...] drove in four runs. [...] Mallow had two hits to go [...] attack.

[La]wson's broke open a close [game] as they exploded for six [runs] on eight hits and took [advan]tage of two errors to [build] up a 10-3 lead at that [point.] Metro Metals got two in [the] ninth to wind up their [...].

[...] 012 0 - 5 10 3
[...] 161 x - 11 18 2

[La]wson Ford [Elim]inated In [Tou]rnament

[Lawso]n Ford was eliminated [last] Saturday in the Frank [...] Tournament held in [Lyn]chburg. Lawson's beat [...] in the opening round, [lost] to Hunton "Y" 8-3, and [to Co]ventry Shoppe 15-11 in [the] third game.

[Tra]iling 3-1 in the first game, [Law]son Ford came up with the [...] inning in the fifth to score [...] runs on six hits for a 6-3 [lead] and the held on for the 8-4 [...] Pete Lampman, Johnny [...], Earl Martin and Eddie [...] led the attack with two [hits] each. A two run double by [...] was the big blow of the [game].

[H]unton "Y" took advantage [of] Lawson Ford errors to [...]-3 in the second game. Ray [Twe]edy had two of Lawson's [...] hits and scored two of [the] three runs. Mike Odgen [...] in all three of the runs [with] sacrifice flies.

[Co]ventry Shoppe scored [...] in the sixth inning to [...]-10 lead and then held [...] 15-11. Four Lawson [err]ors in the first inning [...] all of the four runs [...] Coventry Shoppe to [...]rned. Lawson's came [...] six hits and seven [...] their half of the inning [...] lead. It was tied a 7-7, [...] Lawson led 10-8 at the [...] innings and then the [...] by Coventry Shoppe in [the] sixth turned the table. [...] Clements and Earl [...] had three hits to lead [Law]son's and Ray Tweedy and [Arno]ld Johannes had two hits a [...] Clements had a homer.

[...] Shoppe 430 106 1 15 20 3
[...]ord 701 110 1 - 11 13 5
[Hun]ton "Y" 110 030 3 - 8 10 1
[Law]son F. 100 101 0 - 3 7 6
[Law]son F. 010 052 0 - 8 14 2
[...]de 001 200 1 - 4 7 2

Raiderettes Top Gretna 18-7

Mary Jane Smith hit two home runs and Tresa Smith one as the Appomattox Raiderettes beat the Gretna girls 18-7 last Monday in a girls Seminole District softball game at Gretna. The win gives the Raiderettes a 7-0 record.

Mary Louise McCraw and Mary Jane Smith both had three hits and Rita Inge and Tresa Smith each had two hits to pace the winners.

Gretna outhit the Raiderettes 17-14, but was leaving two and three runners on base every inning.

Appo. 300 742 2 - 18 14 4
Gretna 122 101 0 - 7 17 9

Appomattox Beats Altavista 11-3

The Appomattox Raiderettes beat Altavista 11-3 last Tuesday in a girls Seminole District softball game played at Appomattox. The win kept the Raiderettes undefeated with a 8-0 record.

Mary Louise McCraw was the only Raiderettes to get more than one hit as she banged out three. Cindy Smith showed some power as she homored to lead off the game for Appomattox.

The game was close until Appomattox scored eight runs in the last two innings to take full control.

Altavista 001 100 1 - 3 7 7
Appo. 201 035 x - 11 6 7

Raiderettes Win 10-8 In Extra Innings

The Appomattox Raiderettes had a battle on their hands as they beat Jefferson-Forest 10-8 in extra innings last Thursday in a girls Seminole District softball game played at Jefferson-Forest. The Raiderettes are still undefeated with a 9-0 record.

The Raiderettes had a 5-3 lead going into the seventh inning, but Jefferson-Forest scored two in the bottom of the seventh to tie it at 5-5. The Raiderettes had scoring opportunies in both the eighth and ninth innings but could not score. Jefferson-Forest was three up-three down in those two innings. In the tenth inning the Raiderettes scored five times as they batted around to take a 10-5 lead but Jefferson-Forest came back with a rally of their own to get three runs before the five was put out.

Appomattox had a 23 hit attack with C. Smith and B. Morris leading the way with four hits each. Mary Louise McCraw and P. Lewis each had three hits and N. Chambers, Mary Jane Smith, S. Moore and Tresa Smith each had two hits apiece.

Appo. 100 004 000 5 10 23 11
J.F. 020 001 200 3 8 14 5

Raiderettes Rock Brookville 20-3

The Appomattox Raiderettes ran their season record to 10-0 with a 20-3 rocking of Brookville last Friday at Appomattox in a girls Seminole District softball game.

The Raiderettes got off to an 8-0 lead in the first inning and seem to score at will after that as the Appomattox pitching and defense allowed only four hits to Brookville.

Mary Louise McCraw and Mary Jane Smith led the batting for Appomattox with four hits each and scoring nine runs between the two of them. Cindy Smith, S. Doss and C. Harris each had two hits apiece. Treasa Smith and Mary Jane Smith each hit home runs for the Raiderettes.

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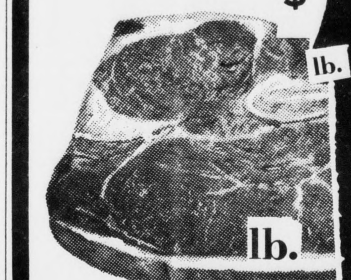

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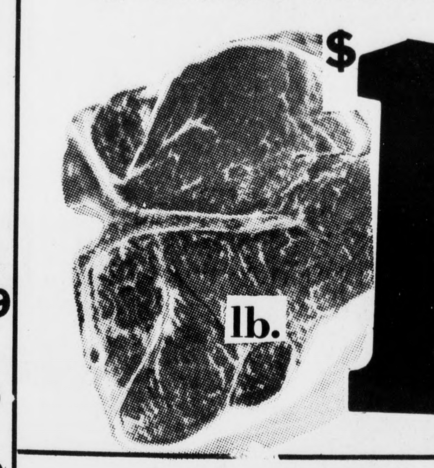

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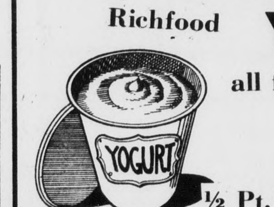
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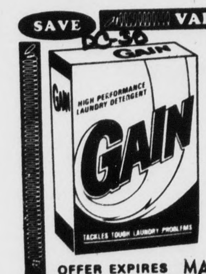
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